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A GRAND FLIRTATION.

I have just told Fred Gorman, my chum and companion, that I had determined to leave town that afternoon,

I am going down to the lake shore,

where it's nice, and cool and quiet' and where I needn't work, or even think. but do just as I please.'

Fred looked blank, 'Don't go this afternoom,' he said, 'I wanted you to go with me to Madame W's to night, and be presented to Captain Kate, the new

'Thank you,' I responded, 'but no more girls of the period for me, if you please-I had rather be excused '

'Oh, but you must see 'Captain Kate!' he went on, that's what they call her because of the followers she has. She's worth seeing.'

'I know the style,' I said with a majestic wave of the hand, 'Bold evesblue, perhaps, black, probably-rather tall, immense chignou laughs and crack s okes like a trooper, and never says one word of sense. I repeat it, my friend, not any for me!"

'But just wait-'began Fred, and 1 nterrupted, with another wave of the

'My friend, I shall leave town this ifternoon' for the lake; should like your company, but if you choose to stay, 1 go alone. I want nothing of this Kate or any other woman.'

'Pon my soul!' eried Fred widening his blue eyes. 'What has come over you, the king of male flirts? Been bitten

'No, simply disgusted,' I answered, loftily, 'I'm tired of work rud women, and am going to leave both. Will you

'Not till next week; then I'll fol-

'All right,' I said and we parted. 'Kings of flirts,' Fred had called me and that term needs some explanation, for I should regret having any of my friends think me that most detestable affair, a man butterfly.

I was thirty, not bad looking, and a well-to-do young lawyer, possessed of a nice little property. I had a due apprecation of women-liked most of them extremely well, loved none; paid them some harmless compliments, chatted walked and drove with them. But as for flirting-why, I spoke no word of love gave no fair lady any reason for thinking I was in love an Grandy gave me the appellation of Male Flirt.' Well never mind: I

I went down to the lake shore that afternoon and engaged rooms at a private

'We have three boarders, now,' the pleasant little lady said, and expect one more to morrow afternoon-a young relative from the city- and there are just rooms for one more,

Those I engaged and domiciled by self immediately in my quarters, but not at all pleased with the prospective young lady. There were two already, but harmless individuals, I mentally offserved at the table; one a studious damsel who wore spectacles, and lookel at the ceiling; the other an invalid, and wife of the male boader. But this 'com ing girl'-who was she, and what did she want to disturb my coveted peace and country quiet for? No doubt she would be a dashing, slashing, panier-a.d-sash style of girl, who would dare me into making love to her, and give mo no peace until I did. Flirtations might be all very well but a fellow didn't want to be dragged into it, when he was in search of peace and quiet. This was my mental style of soliloquy till the coming girl came. I watched her from

my window as the hack set her down. Small, dressed in gray and veiled. That was all I saw, save two moderate sized trunks. All, until two hours later I saw her at the table, and took a man, about a 'Captain Kate,' the belle a private inventory. Rather below the of the season, and I thought you might medium height and slender in figure; be her style, fair with a faint color in the cheeks; hair dusky brown, curling or rather wavy not quite to the shoulder, and tied with a calm lakes of eyes to mine. blue ribbon from the smooth brow, eyes, a quiet brown, and clear as a summer lake. That was all, I think, that I noticed. No; the mouth was very sweet. and pretty and totally devoid of that society smirk and haughty curl which

are so decidedly repulsive in women. I remember thinking of that, and then quite forgetting Miss Whiting until the them, no wonder I dreaded you? following day.

rather pretty young lady,' I had said to 'Not at all,' I stild decidedly, 'as I

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in any way.'

I strolled out to a little arbor the next forenoon, with a book in my hand, and found Miss Whiting, with a book fears.' in her hand, seated in said arbor? " arb

'I beg pardon,' I began; 'I did not know the place was occupied.' 'Make believe that it isn't,' she said.

and come in. There is ample room, and I am so much interested in my book that I shall not even see you.' Feeling decidedly complimented at

the closing sentence, I seated myself on the opposite bench and opened my book But I did not progress rapidly. Miss Whiting was so interesting in repose made such a pretty, good looking picture, sitting there, that I could not but watch her.

How interested she seemed to be in her book, and how utterly oblivious of my presence! Was I such a nonentity then? I began to feel very uncomfortable. If she would only glance at me! but she wouldn't. Once she picked some crawling thing from her dress and tossed it out at the door, but never

'Miss Whiting,' I said at length. pardon me, but I am tired of making believe. I had rather think the arbor

occupied. 'Miss Whiting kept on reading, and auswered quietly :

'Very-well, consider me here.' 'Not to be worsted this way,' I said

'Well, but I want you to talk to me. She closed her book, keeping one slender hand between the pages, and lifted her childishly calmeyes to my

'It is a very pleasant day, Mr. Lester, she said, with perfect gravity. 'Decidedly,' I responded.

'Much cooler since the shower.' bserved.

'It is,' I assented.

'Looks some like rain in the cast,' she emarked.

'It does,' I sold, and then we both laughed.

'Now,' she said, 'I hope you will let me go on with my book. It is Dickens' Great Expectations, and if you have ver read it, you can understand me

'Do you like Dickens?' I asked. 'No,' she said, 'I love him, ' From

the opening page to the Finis,' his books are gardens of delight to me interests you in his meanest character. and colists your sympathies, not with one, but with all. He is inimitable-he is none like him.'

A deeper flush had come into her checks, and her toyes grew wider and

'Decidedly pretty now,' I informed myself, 'and really quite an intelligent little person.'

"After that, Miss Whiting and I were quite sociable. I sought her society, and she did not avoid me, but treated me precisely as she would a younger brother. Not just that either, for she was a little more reserved; and yet we had some very pleasant chats together. She could talk sense, and I prided my. self on my abilities in that line, and so almost a week slipped by before I knew

'I think I should find it very dull here but for you,' I said to her one day. 'Odd, too, when I dreaded your coming

She looked up wonderingly. 'Dread ed my coming?"

'Yes; I feared you would be one of the slashing kind, and would dress to kill, ahd talk me wild, and give me no peace.

What gave you that idea?' I don't know, unless it was being bored to death by my chum, Fred Gor-

'And did you ever see this Captain Khte?' asked Miss Whiting, lifting her

'No; but I can imagine her,' I swered Times

'And what do you imagine her like?' Thereupon I gave her description very much as I had given Fred, and closed by saying :

Now, that style of girl I cannot tolerate, and fearing you were one of

'Then you do not consider me at all 'A very quiet, sensible-appearing and like Captain Kate?' she queried, archly.

are in all things the opposite of my "Oh, thank you!"

GOD AND OUR COUNTRY.

She said it so dryly, that I looked up to catch the hidden meaning of her words, but she was reading, and her face was calm as usual! Wair level !

The next day Fred orno. I was standing at the gate, when he came up from the hotel, and after the greetings, Fred brought his hand down on my shoulder.

'So, Ben, my boy, you jumped from the frying pan into the fire, didn't you?

I turned in astonishment, Like whom? What do you mean? 'Why, Captain Kate, of course.'

'I haven't seen Captain Kate, thank you,' I replied with digulty. 'What, don't Miss Catherine Whiting

board here with her step aunt, Mrs. Dearborne ?" 'I jumped at least three feet into the ir-'You don't mean - I began, while

Fred interrupted coollyan to 'As a jumpist, you are a successist As a stupid blockhead, you also excel.

Yes, Miss Whiting is Captain Kate,' 'But, Fred,' I said, helplessly, 'she 'is so innocent and childlike, land barely

pretty, and so sweet and quiet.' 'All put on,' said Fred, shaking his head gravely. She is a regular flirt and those are her arts. She's weaving her ; net around you, I see, successfully. The emotions of my heart I should find difficult to explain. But I found plishment?' I laughed. Miss Whiting in thouarbor, an hour latter, after Fred left, and I lifted my hat with a flourish, and knelt at her

'All honor to Captain Kate,' I said. in mock humility.

She closed her burk with almost yawn. 'You've found out, she said; 'who teld you?'

Fred. And shall I ask pardon for remarks I make yesterday?" 'Certainly not,' she said sweetly. You

had never seen me than.' And now I have a proposition to make.' I began. We are to spend ture and Kate's advent. We walked, several weeks together here, and report we sat, we drove, we talked together,

calls you a terrible flirt-'

need of my proposition. It is this: Let anything. He had paid his undivided us enter into a league to have a grand attention to three young ladies, at is incomparable. Others may, in their flirtation; each knowing there ais no different times, and been certain of style, be as interesting, but to me there danger of a broken heart on either side. success and each time failed. He was Thus we have nothing to fear, nothing not cast down, however; but was now to guard, and can be very happy,'

But what is the need?' she asked.

better to go about it with a full understanding than to be sly about it in the old way. Thinking you har nless, Miss Whiting, I could have gone all summer and never dreamed of flirting ; knowing you of malicious intentions every move you make. Therefore, let us agree to a flirtation, and all will be we'l.'

'I agree,' she said archly, and here is and shapely it was-and I raised it to that herewiter.' my lips.

'Would your heart come with it?' I said, and, she laughed merrily.

'Bravo! a good beginning! I see you are no amateur!' she cried; and so we launched on the sea of flirtation! I told Fred of our arrangement the following day. I thought he looked

'All right, old fellow,' he said, shaking my hand heartily 'I am glad to know you are not my rival, for I am in carnest. I want to marry Miss Whiting, if I can, and I didn't like to think I

quite sure you are in earnest?" dear boy, with my blessing; but don't marry her until I leave, and so spoil our flirtation.'

'Oh, no ! shouldn't think of it under and Fred looked as grave and thought bye,' ful as if it were settled. No doubt she will wait any length of

Fred looked up, quizically. Seeing me perfectly serious he continued: admin held I asked, but she shook her years ago. They don't pepper so, he were the parties of the sold being the work in the same of the sold being the sold being the sold to the perfectly serious he continued : dain he? I asked, but she shook her head

myself, and not one likely to molest me told you in the beginning, but for you word for my prospects? Speak about I should feel stupid and dult! Your that ungle of mine, that went to India society renders it very pleasant, and you about twenty years ago, and has never been heard of since. 'You needn't put that in though ; just buy he went there, and I am the only heir.

'I assured Fred that I would do so. Justras well as not,' I said, 'will bring your perfections all to light, and say nothing of your failings.' Fred thanked me warmly, and we parted.

Captain Kate was in the garden when returned. She was dressed in a blue, thin gauze stuff, and frill of lace at her throat and wrists. She' looked exceedingly pretty, and I told her so.

'Good !' she cried, bringing her shape-Ha! ha! good joke. How do you like ly hands together. 'I dressed purposely to make you pay compliments and have succeeded. Am I really truly pretty ?

'Really and truly,' I cchoed. 'And my leyes are not bold, and I do

not seem like a trooper?" Your eyes are the sweetest in the

world and you seem like an angel.' She breathed a long breath. 'How nice! Now where have you

'To see Fred-the finest fellow alive. Got a rich uncle in India, somewhere and is heir.'

Does that constitute his fineness? she said a little scornfully.' 'According to 'a woman's idea, ves.

But that is not all. He's a splendid

fellow, good: intelligent, steady. 'Rather a pleasant fellow,' she acknowledged, 'and he waltzes like an an-

"Are angels proficient in that accom-Well, I suppose, she retorted. "You call me an angel, and I waltz beautiful-

I should never have recognized Miss Whiting for the girl I had known before. She dropped her quiet, calm, child-like self, and assumed the gay,

dazzling mask of Captain Kate. She dressed becomingly and elegantly yet with no show of glare of colors, else it would not have been becoming. She studied my taste in all things, and fairly dazzled me with her wit and beauty. Yet, I think I missed Miss Whiting. sorely, for a few days after her depar-Fred occupied the spare moments, and, So it does you, she interrupted. 'I few as they were, he seemed very hope-'Very well,', I continued, 'the more all things though he never succeeded in Tooking confidently forward to his union with Captain Kate.

we now! Tol tovil If the notice of the would say, and I thank-you Bochuse we can't help it; and it is boarrily for your kind words. When am settled, consider my home yours.

So three weeks slipped by, and in two more I should depart. Our flirta you to be Ciptain Kate, I shall suspent tion continued unabated. Kate was bewildered, and I somtimes tremtled for my own safety. Once, when stand ing very near to her, my lips somehow came in contact with he's, and I never my hand upon it.' She gave me her felt quite safe since that day. 'Kissing hand-I remember thinking how soft produceth love, I said, and I will avoid

So I did, and we sailed, and rode, and flirted deliciously through the remaining two weeks, and one morning I arose with the uncomfortable feeling upon me that it had all come to an end, and I was to leave on the ferencon train. I also arese with another knowledge-that I was very much in love with Captain Kate; yes, decidedly, irrevocably in love. I had an odd feeling, too, that it was just what Captain Kate intended ; and I determined to keep my secret locked in my breast. So I complimented her, in the old mock way, through the was fighting against you. You are morning and was conscious that under all her gayety there was a lurking 'Quite sure,' I answered. 'Go on, my disappointment. And then In nerved myself for it, went to the arbor to say the last farewell.

'With my most heartfelt thanks for the pleasant flirtations you have kindly a year. My business won't permit, and indulged me in, and hoping you all hap-I suppose she will be as willing to wait; piness in the future, I will say good

'And who will I dress for now, and who will pay me pretty compliments and time you suggest, I said, so drily, that admire me?, 'Fred will serve as a substitu', won't inward application.

'Fred is not frivolous enough.'

'Thanks for the compliments, I laugh - peppery enough. ed. 'And now may the Fates provide for you until you return to town.

So I left her with greater painting my out heart than I had befores a pain that grew deeper and deeper every step I took ed definatly back to the arbor. Captain were falling upon her dress.

'Kate,' I said, softly, 'what is the mat-

'I hurt my finger with a thorn and it made me cry.'

Let me extract the thorn, I said, puting my arms around her waist. 'And I came dack to tell you that I was tired of 'make believe' love and want to play

love in earnest; will you!' . | > Why,-I suppose I could only-Only what, Kate?"

'Why, about the grand flirtation! 'We will end it in a grand wedding I

'I guess that would be a good idea. Kate answered from my shoulder. I said good bye again and went to see

By the way,' he said, 'now you are going, I think I shall propose to Kate and settle mattere."

'I wouldn't" said I, for she is going to marry mel' " and enober was It was rather abrupt, but Fred got over it, and his uncle really came from India and gave him a handsome fortune and he married my pretty sister and is J L James

#### An Essay on the Dectors

Quick, go for the doctor! All Fight. 'm going for him I've been aching to to for the doctor a long time; so here

There are a great many kinds of doe, ors-big dectors and small doctors, old school doctors, and doctors of the new school, and doctors without any school ing whatever. There are doctors of laws, and doctors of sons-in-laws; car doctors, and doctors difficult to get the ear of; tooth dectors, nail doctors, and doctors who go at you with tooth and nail; eye doctors, and I. O. U. doctors; electric doctors, and doctors not of the elect, who go it mostly on tick.

Thus we have cold-water dectors, and doctors, and doctors whose motto is Root hog, or die fin a wan oli banat

Spiritual doctors! and doctors very much out of spirits; magnetic doctors, and doct rs who haven't any magnetism in them-or much else; laying on of hands doctors, and doctors who will take anything they can lay their hands on, except, perhaps, their own physic.

Sweat doctors are puncrous. If they don't sweat their patients, their patients sometimes make them sweat. And "Certainly,' I would respond 'I'will, there are few doctors who are not comthelt pay. a far uoo no all af Among Indian doctors are the full

bred, half-bred, earn-bred, and doctors never bred at all-at least not bred to medicine-the latter class being far the most numerous. As a general thing, Indian doctors, as they call themselves, know nothing whatever about Indians; many of them never saw one. But that is nothing strange in medicine. Men have practiced medicine all their lives without enjoying the slightest acquaintance with it.

Herb doctors are popularly supposed to spend a large portion of their time in meandering through the fields culling herbs. Nothing of the sort. Lots of them wouldn't know cathip from 'pen." ny-rile' if they saw them growing. They cull they herbs at the druggist's.

There are lung beters, and dectors with very little lungs, although tolerable livers. Doctors are good livers as a general thing.

The throat doctor appears in a variety of forms not strictly recognized in medicine. The hangman is the most thorough throat doctor we have. His remedy-a stricture of hemp-rarely fails to cure the most obstinate throat to have her working so for in Trould difficulty. Few persons have ever been not stand that half as I can the way it heard to complain of their throat after is now. No, sir, legality doesn't help the first application?

these doctors, whose mixtures, also, are so what's the use of whimpering acw ?? foo familiar to many people. Cold water Poor unfortunate Jim, was constsi # is the safest thing for the throat as an tionally cool to the last. He accepted

Mustard doctors" are in the army fond the most part, unless they are mustered at al

Cancer doctors are almost as ministered ous as cancers themselves. Every canada a dia till at the foot of the hill it became un- cor i doctor jexhibits so many cancers hour year endurable, and I turned about undswalk has taken out that I have sometimes | out or wondered if they didn't take it out in Kate's face was in her bands, and tears cancers. I was once shown a tumor so mist large I asked the doctor if space was under () valuable, why he didn't stick his patient away in a glass jar, and let the tumor

walk around, at 1 Corn doctors should not be overlooked, Some of them are very skilful in taking off a corn. Corn doctor took off a corn for me once, and he took it off so far it was nearly a week before it got back .

No man who hasn't horse sense has any business trying to be a horse dostor, although he may get a diploma to decter . men. 4 Even the constitution of a home. may be broken down by unskillful treat, ment. yet in selecting a physician for ourselves we occasionally forget that The horse doctor somet hes gets more kicks than coppers thou he is one of the few privileged persons who is escused for looking al gift horse in the

mouther d are done u unto me. The healthiest town I ever know was out in Illinoisemone summer, when the at a doctors went East to attende medical convention, neglecting) to return for several months. The doctors found, when they did get I back, that their patients had all recovered, the drugstores had busted, murses had opened dancing-schools, the comptery was cut up into building-lots, the undertaker valore had gone to making fiddles, and the village hearse had been gau lily painted

and sold for a cloud wagon a rodium a si Although I have metaphorically gone for the doctors, latenothing I have said be construed as reflecting upon them as a class. They are good humored, and

can, therefore, take a joke, and for the most part are charitable and humane. T have a good many friends among the doctors, yet they are the very last men

#### I want to call on .- "Fat Contributor." Enoch Arden Out-Ardened of god a

"An ex private" in the Toledo Bilde, and A the war, related au incident of a sordier in he calls Jim, that beats Enoch Arden id A all to pieces. Jim was made a cripple at the battle of Stone River. After the war a comrade met him sitting in front Lil of a provision store in Columbus. Hed a was still a cripple, but his face had the old quictness and content in it. He said: "Yes, I am doing pretty wall; not making much, but doing pretty well Have just been up to see my wife. She Didn't you know it? Yes, she married another fellow before I got home, Divorced? No. Sho juss married him pelled to sweat around a good deal to get and threw me overboard, you know. It made me a little made, I tell you. But she married a good man, and there's the rub, you see. He's got a farm and a good house, and he took my wife and children right in, sir, and treated em iike a gentleman. It cut me a little to have the woman throw me off, but I looked at the question from her standpoint, and it's all right. Then I got worked up a little, and thought I had better steal the children from the step father. So I went up to see them again. Would you believe it? They said they didn't want to live with me, if they had to leave their mother. So I said "all right," and came away again, You see, my girl is smart She knew. that with my lamer leg and arm I couldn't support her right, and the little duck told me so, with her arms around my neck. That finished me, you know." "But," said his friend, "the woman is

legally your wife!" about if it return it. "I know it," said Jim, "but if I was stubborn and claimed her, you see she would have to take in washing to support the family. Legality isn't the thing. I can't do anything much, and it wouldn't be comfortable, you know, the matter. I will never be comfortable Bar keepers are unother variety of any way. She'd marry after I was dead, misfortune, defeat, wo u ls, 40's o wife,

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